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S E C R E T QUITO 2646

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: MASS, MPOL, PINR
SUBJECT: EFFECT OF ECUADOREAN AIRCRAFT PURCHASES ON ARMS BALANCE
IN ANDEAN SUBREGION

REF: (A) QUITO 1624; (B) TEL AVIV 1865

1. LOCAL PAPERS THIS WEEK HAVE CARRIED A VARIETY OF WIRE
SERVICE REPORTS THAT ECUADOR IS PURCHASING 24 MIRAGE 5 FIGHTER-
BOMBERS FROM ISRAEL. ALTHOUGH THE GOE HAS REFUSED TO COMMENT
ON THE REPORTS, EMBASSY HAS RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT SUCH A
PURCHASE IS IN THE WORKS AND THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE ECUADOREAN
AIR FORCE HOPE TO CONSUMMATE IT BY MID-MAY.

2. IN REF A EMBASSY REPORTED CHANGING ATTITUDE OF HIGH
ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE (FAE) OFFICIALS ON BEST DEFENSIVE
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STRATEGY FOR ECUADOR. TREND OF THINKING WAS AWAY FROM
DEFENSIVE CONCEPT BASED ON INTERCEPTORS TO DETERRENT STRATEGY
BASED ON ATTACK AIRCRAFT. ALTHOUGH THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE USED
THESE MIRAGE 5S AS DAY FIGHTERS (REF B), EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS
FROM RELIABLE SOURCES THAT THE FAE INTENDS TO USE THEM AS
FIGHTER-BOMBERS IMPLEMENTING THE DETERRENT CONCEPT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IT OCCURS TO US THAT THE PURCHASE BY ECUADOR OF MORE AIRCRAFT WITH OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY, RATHER THAN AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE GENERALLY IDENTIFIABLE AS DEFENSIVE INTERCEPTORS MAY HAVE CERTAIN IMPLICATIONS FOR INCREASE OF TENSIONS IN ANDEAN REGION. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS BY INR AND EMBASSY LIMA OF IMPACT ON PERU OF ECUADOREAN PURCHASE OF FIGHTER BOMBERS AS OPPOSED TO INTERCEPTORS.
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